

501—10.3(80D) Certification through training required for all reserve peace officers.

10.3(1) Each person appointed to serve as a reserve peace officer after July 1, 2007, shall satisfactorily complete a minimum training course established by the academy consisting of at least 80 hours of training and 40 hours of supervised time. Training for individuals appointed as reserve peace officers shall be provided by the Iowa law enforcement academy through the learning management system, through approved regional academies, or through instructors at a law enforcement agency approved by the academy. Reserve peace officers must be certified within 18 months from the date of their appointment.

a. The training modules will be available through a learning management system online. The modules are self-paced and must be completed in order. The reserve peace officer completing the training module will be given an academy-developed test covering the completed module. The reserve peace officer completing the training module must pass the test with a score of 70 percent or better. If the first test score is below 70 percent, the reserve peace officer may take the test a second time following remediation of the failed topic(s) with an Iowa law enforcement academy instructor. Failure of the test the second time will result in the individual's not being eligible for certification for a period of one year following the date of the second test failure. At the completion of the training modules, the reserve peace officer will be given an academy-developed test covering all six modules. The reserve peace officer must pass this test with a score of 70 percent or better. If the first test score is below 70 percent, the reserve peace officer may take the test a second time following remediation of the failed topic(s) with an Iowa law enforcement academy instructor.

b. Supervised time is defined as direct supervision by a regular certified law enforcement officer of the reserve peace officer while the reserve peace officer is performing activities consistent with the reserve peace officer's duties, such as ride-along time, jail time, or other assigned duties.

c. Upon satisfactory completion of training and supervised time required by the academy, the individual shall be certified by the academy as an Iowa reserve peace officer and shall be issued a certificate by the academy.

10.3(2) The academy council may, at the council's discretion, extend the 18-month time period in which a reserve peace officer must become certified for up to 180 days after a showing of undue hardship by the reserve peace officer or the reserve peace officer's appointing agency. To be considered for an extension of the 18-month certification period, the person or agency requesting the extension must initiate the request in writing not less than ten days prior to the council meeting at which the extension request is to be discussed and must also make a presentation to the council at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council. An extension shall not be liberally granted and shall only be granted after a showing that all other alternatives to an extension have been considered and rejected.

10.3(3) The time period within which a person must achieve certification as a reserve peace officer in the state of Iowa shall commence on the day a person is first appointed as a reserve peace officer in the state of Iowa. Any subsequent changes in a reserve peace officer's appointment status, including transfers to a different appointing agency, shall not toll or otherwise extend the certification period.

10.3(4) Should a person appointed as a reserve peace officer fail to achieve certification within the time period or under any extension allowed by this rule, that person shall not be eligible for appointment as a reserve peace officer and shall not serve as a reserve peace officer in the state of Iowa for a period of not less than one year from the date the time period in which to achieve certification expired, or from the date that the person was last appointed as a reserve peace officer in the state of Iowa, whichever comes first.

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